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SUBJ: NGOUABI ON CABINDA

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1. DURING CONVERSATION REPORTED REF "A" GERMAN AMBASSADOR TO CONGO (FISCHER), MADE FOLLOWING REMARKS RE NGOUABI'S POSITION ON CABINDA: AFTER STATING HE SHARED MOBUTU'S STAND FAVORING SELF-DETERMINATION FOR ENCLAVE (REF "B"), CONGO PRESIDENT NGOUABI, BEFORE DEPARTING FOR OAU SUMMIT MEETING AT KAMPALA, LET IT BE KNOWN THAT CONGO HAD ALWAYS SUPPORTED - AND WOULD CONTINUE TO SUPPORT - "PROGRESSIVE FORCE" (READ MPLA) IN CABINDA. WHEN SUBJECT OF CABINDA AROSE AT KAMPALA, NGOUABI HELD THAT REAL PROBLEM WAS STRUGGLE IN ANGOLA, CONFIDENTIAL

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THAT OAU SHOULD FOCUS ITS EFFORTS THERE. CABINDA COULD BE DEALT

WITH LATER. THEN, ON AUGUST 9, OFFICIAL ZAIRIAN NEWSAGENCY CITED
DECISION BY NGOUABI THAT CONGO COULD NOT ACCEPT AN MPLA-IMPOSED
SOLUTION IN CABINDA.

COMMENT:

2. WHY THE SWITCH? MPLA OCCUPATION OF CABINDA IN EARLY JUNE
CAUSED NGOUABI TO MOVE FROM INITIAL POLICY OF SELF-DETERMINATION
TO ONE OF FAVORING "PROGRESSIVE" FORCE IN CABINDA. BUT REALIZING,
PERHAPS, HIS INABILITY TO SUSTAIN AN MPLA OCCUPATION (CONFIRMED BY
AMBASSADOR FISCHER'S ESTIMATE), PLUS FACT THAT MPLA INITIATIVE
WOULD JUSTIFY RIPOSTE BY ZAIRIAN-SUPPORTED FNLA, NGOUABI FOUND
HIMSELF FORCED BACK TO SQUARE ONE.

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